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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY Attention: Counsel

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DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY Attention: Counsel

"To strengthen DOD 98-94, Proposed legislation, and improve the management of civilian personnel SUBJECT: within the Defense Intelligence Agency."

The Office of Management and Budget advice letter on the subject proposal is attached. In view thereof, the proposal is being suspended from the Department of Defense Legislative Themen Thindless Program.

> Werner Windus Director Legislative Reference Service

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Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger Secretary of Defense Washington, D.C. 20301

Attention: Mr. Werner Windus

Director, Legislative

Reference Service

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is in reply to the Department's request for advice on a draft bill, DOD 98-94, "To strengthen and improve the management of civilian personnel within the Defense Intelligence Agency", which the Department wishes to submit to the Congress.

The principal purpose of the bill is to exempt the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) from the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointment, compensation, and removal of Federal employees.

After careful consideration, we cannot concur in this legislation, as we do not believe it is necessary. The DIA is not experiencing recruitment or retention problems, has lost very few employees to the other intelligence organizations, has no present plans to remove employees, and already has ample authority to classify any information deemed sensitive.

Accordingly, we do not believe the proposal should be submitted to the Congress, and urge the Department to reevaluate the need for the legislation. Pending your reevaluation, we plan no further action on the proposal.

Sincerely,

James M. Frey

Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

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